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Campus Briefs

WJCU’s Blizzard Bash 09

WJCU 88.7FM will host its annual Blizzard Bash ‘09 benefit concert at 6 p.m. on Nov. 22.

The event will feature The Jack Fords and special guest The 609’ers and will take place at the Brother’s Lounge.

The Brother’s Lounge is located at 11607 Detroit Ave. in Cleveland.

Tickets are \$5 at the door. All proceeds benefit the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland.

For more information visit www.wjcu.org.

JCU Hosts Division III Volleyball Championships

JCU will host the 2009 NCAA Division III Volleyball Championship Nov. 19-21 in the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center.

Quarter Finals take place at 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Nov. 19.

Semi-finals take place at 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Nov. 20.

The Championship Match begins at 7 p.m. on Nov. 21.

The regional-champion teams that will compete are Colorado College, Washington University, Hope College, Tufts University, Juniata College, Trinity University, Christopher Newport University and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

For group and advance tickets contact Jane Evans at (216) 397-1663 or e-mail jevans@jcu.edu.

‘Gifts That Give Twice’ will begin Holiday sales

John Carroll University will host “Gifts That Give Twice,” an annual Fair Trade Holiday Sale on Tuesday, Dec. 2 and Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 6 from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the Lombardo Student Center.

Zipcar provides students with community car

If adopted, program could allow JCU to share provided cars, create more space

Emily Gaffney
Campus Editor

John Carroll University may see a car sharing program come to campus. The program is still in the initial stages of development, but junior Student Union Senator Juanita Padilla is working with Campus Safety Services and the junior class senate to bring the idea to fruition.

“It was just an idea I had to help improve our campus, by both providing more sustainable means of transportation and helping with regards to limited parking, which is an issue here at our campus,” said Padilla.

Padilla is looking into Zipcar, a car sharing company that is currently on 140 college campuses across the United States.

If the program is instituted, Zipcar would place several cars on campus for program members. In a proposal to JCU, Zipcar National Account Executive Jeremy Lynch recommended the University start with only two cars on campus and increase the number as need is presented.

To become a program member, faculty and students could register online by supplying their name, credit or debit card information and drivers license number. Within a few days of registration, members will receive a Zipcard, which allows

members to use the cars.

Once a member of the program, faculty and students could reserve a car online, by phone or by mobile device and the Zipcard unlocks the reserved car. When students and faculty are done using the car, they return to the parking space and use their Zipcard to lock the vehicle.

Members would have to pay to use the cars, either by hour or day, depending on how long the car is used. Rates during the week would be \$8 per hour and \$66 per day, and \$9 per hour and \$72 per day on the weekends. The rates include fuel, insurance, parking, roadside assistance and maintenance.

Padilla said, “There is a slight cost to students to participate. We could try to work this out otherwise or try to reduce it, but as of yet we have not really looked into this.”

Zipcar would require that each Zipcar on campus generate a minimum monthly revenue of \$1,500 to \$1,600, depending on the type of car. The revenue would be generated from the hourly and daily fees paid by members.

However, once the University met this minimum revenue for two consecutive quarters, there would no longer be a minimum revenue requirement. The Zipcar program would not cost the University itself anything.

Additionally, members who are

over the age of 21 are able to access Zipcars wherever the program is in place.

Students seem to have mixed emotions about whether or not they favor the program.

“It seems it would require a lot of integrity on the part of those who rent the car out [in terms of returning it],” said sophomore Adam Boggs. “And personally, I wouldn’t use it.”

Other students feel the service would be beneficial.

“There’s tons of times I wish I had a car on campus,” said freshman William Linville.

Freshman Joe Hyek agrees.

“I guess it’s a good idea — it gives people options,” said Hyek.

According to Zipcar’s proposal, the program would benefit JCU’s campus and community. The program reduces the number of vehicles on campus and in the surrounding community, introduces sustainable transportation to members, provides a cost-effective alternative to owning a car and reduces congestion and parking demands. Also, all of the cars that Zipcar recommends for JCU have low carbon dioxide emissions.

“This is still in the initial stages,” said Padilla. “I am still trying to meet with the [CSS] Chief [Timothy Peppard] to see how this would work on our campus.”

WHAT CAN ZIPCAR DO FOR CARROLL’S CAMPUS?

- individual car rentals for independent transportation
- more available parking spaces on campus
- more carbon friendly options for public transportation

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ing, except for Fairmount Gardens which will be capped at 87 percent student capacity.

Non-student residents have raised concerns over the increasing number of students living in the apartments, which prompted Shaker Heights to pass the ordinance after JCU and the City failed to come to an agreement over the summer.

JCU General Counsel Maria Alfaro-Lopez said that the University sent a statement to council members rather than a representative.

“We felt it was more appropriate and that we could be more complete in a written report,” said Alfaro-Lopez.

Student Union representatives were also not at the meeting.

According to Student Union President Matt Hiznay, they will focus on the relationship between JCU and University Heights and do not regularly send representatives to Shaker Heights City Council meetings.

Hiznay said, “It is unfortunate that this [situation with Shaker Heights] may occur and we will

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Dora Pruce
Director of Government Relations

do our best to address the situation and make Shaker Heights City Council aware of the concerns of the residents that are John Carroll students.”

Non-student Shaker Heights residents were in attendance at the meeting and were given an opportunity to voice their concerns regarding students in the apartments. The increased noise levels and traffic congestion were cited as major issues for non-student residents. Also, residents fear that they will be moved out of the apartments by the University.

According to Alfaro-Lopez, there have been cases where JCU has elected not to renew a resident’s lease, but the University has never evicted anyone.

“Any other property owner could not renew a lease and there would be no problem. We’re asking to be treated like any other tax payer,” said Alfaro-Lopez.

Alfaro-Lopez said that JCU and Shaker Heights are still in discussions regarding a compromise between the two parties.

According to Shaker Heights Mayor Earl Leiken, the purpose of extending the ordinance was so that discussions between the University and City could continue before it became necessary to make the ordinance permanent.

“The discussions have not yet achieved a mutually satisfactory solution, but we are still talking to see if this can be accomplished,” said Leiken.

Director of Government Relations Dora Pruce views the extension as a positive.

“The goal at the end of the day is to reach a written agreement between the City and JCU. We welcome the opportunity for more time provided for dialogue,” said Pruce.

While Alfaro-Lopez said JCU would rather not have any ordinance and it is ill-conceived and invalid, the University understands that this is the City’s process.

“They are trying to protect their legal options and we will do what’s best for the University,” said Alfaro-Lopez.

Currently it is unclear what will happen if no agreement is reached in the extended 90 days. Whether the ordinance is further extended or it is made permanent, both JCU and Shaker Heights hope that agreement can be reached first.

Leiken has a positive outlook for the possible upcoming plans.

She said, “Although the City and John Carroll have different perspectives in this matter, both are working to maintain a positive, cooperative relationship.”

Campus Safety Log



November 12, 2009

Staff reported smelling marijuana at 8:26 p.m. in Murphy Hall.

November 13, 2009

A suspicious situation was reported in the Millor Hall restroom at 8:38 a.m.

November 13, 2009

Campus Police reported a suspicious situation involving a fake ID at 5:11 p.m.

November 14, 2009

Student Affairs reported a medical emergency in Campion Hall at 11:11 p.m.

These incidents are taken from the files of Campus Safety Services, located in the lower level of the Lombardo Student Center. For more information contact x1615.

‘The Wal-Mart Effect’ author addresses JCU students

Charles Fishman discusses the major retailer, social responsibility

Dan Cooney
Staff Reporter

Charles Fishman was working at a relatively new business magazine, “Fast Company,” when an idea for a new story came up.

“We had never written about Walmart and at that point, it seemed to be a huge gap in our journalism,” he said. “We thought we shouldn’t consider ourselves a serious business magazine if we haven’t tried to tackle some aspect of Walmart.”

Fishman’s story about the power of Walmart over its suppliers was unique because it went behind-the-scenes of the tight-lipped company.

It ultimately led to an opportunity to write a book about the powerful retailer.

Fishman, the author of “The Wal-Mart Effect,” spoke on Nov. 16 in Dolan Science Center Auditorium as a part of the Boler School of Business’ series on corporate social responsibility.

“The Wal-Mart Effect” is a nationally-bestselling book that chronicles the history of Walmart, tells the stories of different suppliers, and features analysis into why Walmart is so successful.

Fishman gave two lectures as a part of the series. The first was directed toward first-year students taking the Social Justice and Cor-

porations seminar. He enumerated why Walmart should be socially responsible and addressed numerous topics related to the book, such as the treatment of employees and quality of products.

The full-time wages for an average Walmart employee amounts to roughly \$23,380 per year, while Walmart makes \$24,682 per minute in profit. The company also sells more cigarettes than any other company in the United States, but sells name-brand groceries for 15 percent less than the typical American grocery chain. Walmart has created 56,000 jobs in the last two years, more than the number of employees at Google and Amazon combined.

According to Fishman, in the first nine months of 2009, Walmart made \$1.1 billion per day.

“They are still only taking 33 cents out of every ten dollar bill that you leave there,” Fishman said. “They have not taken one extra penny for themselves, despite accumulating all that power. That’s what Sam Walton and the people who run Walmart would say is the most important social justice implication.”

In the second lecture, held later the same day, Fishman addressed Walmart’s role as, possibly, the nation’s most important force in

environmental change and sustainability.

“Walmart touches the life of every single American every day,” Fishman said at the beginning of the lecture. “You use products every day that you purchased somewhere, and even if you personally never shop at Walmart, it doesn’t matter where you shop. The products you buy and the prices you pay have, in a large measure, been determined in an ecosystem created by Walmart.”

According to Fishman, 62 percent of Americans live within five miles of a Walmart store. Walmart also sells more by Saint Patrick’s Day than Target sells in one year.

Because of Walmart’s power, Fishman believes the company will be an agent of change across the consumer world.

“Walmart has decided that in addition to price, it’s going to care about environmental impact and sustainability,” he said.

Among the examples of Walmart’s environmentally friendly practices, Fishman noted the company’s push for energy-efficient light bulbs, a demand for a reduction in packaging, a reduction in the energy used in its suppliers’ factories in China and the re-design of milk cartons to eliminate the unnecessary milk crates.

“I think they have changed,”

Fishman said. “How long those changes will last, that’s a question that remains to be seen. The real changes have been in improving the health insurance that they offer employees and this dramatic sustainability effort that they talk a lot about.”

Walmart isn’t just committed to improving itself, but is also looking to persuade their suppliers to do the same. Fishman used the example of Walmart’s intentions to double the gas mileage of their trucks.

“Once Walmart takes the equivalent of half its trucks off the road, if you’re Target, you can’t afford to run inefficient trucks,” Fishman explained. “Walmart has said, ‘When we figure it out, we will share our technology with anybody who is interested. We are not going to use improved efficiency of trucks as competitive advantage.’”

Walmart has taken its competitors inside their headquarters and energy-efficient stores to show off how they are becoming more sustainable, in the hopes that other companies will follow suit.

“The environmental and sustainability stuff started out as a good show, and Walmart has discovered how powerful the tool is for saving money and for persuading people they are not an evil corporation,” Fishman said.



Photo from walmarteffectbook.com

“Walmart has decided that in addition to price, it’s going to care about environmental impact and sustainability.”

Charles Fishman
Author of
“The Wal-Mart Effect”

JCU online gets updated to make Web site more convenient

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look and will organize a hierarchy of the information on the page.

“Let’s make the student recruitment message more obvious,” Carfagno said, “and the tools current students use more accessible.”

The updated homepage provides a drop-down menu in the upper-right-hand corner of the page of the most common tools used by students.

The drop-down menu includes

links to JCU e-mail and BannerWeb, among others.

The tabs near the top of the current homepage, which connect users to the pages for academics, campus life, athletics and more, are enlarged on the updated site.

The photo slideshow has also been enlarged and dominates the middle section of the updated page. The slideshow also has a new feature that allows users to jump to certain images within the slideshow.

A scrolling bar near the bottom

of the page is a new feature that will allow JCU to promote different activities and events on campus.

Carfagno said, “The moving, visual graphics can get attention better.”

The updates did not require any additions to the budget and all work on the design was done in-house.

Carfagno said he hopes the Web site will eventually become a “story-telling platform” for prospective students that will attract them to JCU.



(Left) Updates to the JCU homepage will be previewed on the current JCU Web site on Nov. 20.

CAMPUS CALENDAR: NOV. 19 - NOV. 25						
19 Thursday	20 Friday	21 Saturday	22 Sunday	23 Monday	24 Tuesday	25 Wednesday
The Rhapsody Blue concert will take place at 9 p.m. in Dolan Auditorium.	Comedian Kyle Cease will perform at 9 p.m. in The Underground.	Men’s Basketball will play in the Scranton Tournament. The time is TBA.	Regular mass will be held at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. in St. Francis Chapel.	Daily mass will take place at 12:05 p.m. in St. Francis Chapel.	Friday classes meet.	Thanksgiving Break
26 Thursday	27 Friday	28 Saturday	29 Sunday	30 Monday	1 Tuesday	2 Wednesday
Thanksgiving Day	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break	Residence halls open at noon.	Classes resume.	The wrestling team will compete against Ohio Northern at 7:30 p.m.	The AAA Health Forum will take place at 6 p.m. in the Jardine Room.

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Continuing Commemoration

Nov. 19: The Jesuit Martyrs Of El Salvador: Reflection On The 20th Anniversary by Rev. Kevin Burke at 7:30 p.m. in the LSC Conference Room.

Nov. 20-22: Students protest the SOA in Georgia.

Photos clockwise from bottom left: Christine Liebrecht, Elizbeth Zunica, Theresa Prabucki and Andy Trares place crosses on the fence while Jurrell Sison plays the guitar.



Photos by Taylor Horen

JCU honors Jesuit martyrs

Jillian Dunn
Staff Reporter

Twenty years ago on Nov. 16, at the University of Central America in El Salvador, six Jesuits, their housekeeper, and her daughter were dragged out of their home by Salvadoran military soldiers and assassinated.

John Carroll University, along with other Jesuit institutes and even the United States and El Salvadorian government, are remembering these tragic deaths.

Priests, Ignacio Ellacuria, 59, Ignacio Martin-Baro, 44, Segundo Montes, 56, Amando Lopez, 53, Juan Ramon Moreno, 56, Joaquin Lopez y Lopez, 71, Julia Elba Ramos, 42 and Celina Mariset, 16 were murdered for their dedication to social justice, educating the Salvadoran people, and mission to advance the lives of the poor.

JCU senior Theresa Prabucki spent a semester in El Salvador, and described her experiences at the place where the priests and women

spent their last moments.

"The rose garden at the University of Central America was planted in commemoration of the six Jesuits that were killed, their housekeeper Elba, and her daughter, Celina."

"I spent a good amount of time there during my semester in El Salvador; I would often go there to think and just get away. The space is sacred, and you can't stand on that ground without thinking about what happened there," said Prabucki.

This anniversary is not going unnoticed as both the United States Congress and El Salvadoran president honor the lives of these men and women. The U.S. Congress approved a resolution honoring "these eight spiritual, courageous and generous priests, educators and laywomen."

The resolution cited that, "this crime served as a catalyst for negotiations and contributed to the signing of the 1992 peace accords, which have allowed the government and the people of El Salvador to

progress significantly in creating and strengthening democratic, political, economic and social institutions."

Along with the U.S., the Salvadoran President Mauricio Funes declared, in November, that the priests would receive the National Order of Jose Matias Delgado awards, which is the country's highest honor, on the date of the assassination.

Chris Kerr, coordinator of social justice programming at JCU, reflected how this tragic event changed Jesuit thinking, especially at Jesuit institutions.

"The assassination of the Jesuits in 1980 was an event to push people working at Jesuit universities to consider issues of social justice more deeply, and look at the deeply marginalized and how their education is," said Kerr.

John Carroll is holding a week-long vigil of events remembering these Jesuits and women, which started on Saturday night at the 10 p.m. mass.

At mass 21 students were commissioned, before they traveled to Georgia to attend a protest at the former School of the Americas, which trains Latin American soldiers.

The protest will be comprised of students from Jesuit universities and high schools from all over the U.S., who will call for the institution to stop training Latin American soldiers like the ones that killed the Jesuit priests and women.

"I feel empowered because they spoke out for the poor, and when I go there I can't wait to fulfill that call they had twenty years ago," said Amanda Chu, a JCU freshmen who is participating in the 2010 summer immersion trip to El Salvador.

After mass on Sunday, students were allowed to hang wooden crosses on the fence setup on the quad, which represented a victim of human rights abuses in Latin America.

"I stood tonight for hours... I watched. Students wandered by in the cold winds of November, safe

and carefree. I watched the pictures of those martyred professors. They are my masters and my models. Their blood enriches and sanctifies our University," said Rev. Francis Ryan, S.J.

Rev. Kevin Burke, S.J., president of the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif., will be on campus giving a talk entitled "The Jesuit Martyrs Of El Salvador: Reflection On The 20th Anniversary."

Sponsored by the Institute of Catholic Studies and Department of Sociology & Criminology, Rev. Burke will be speaking on Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the LSC Conference Room.

Kerr commented on just how significant this event is to the John Carroll community.

"Without the martyrs, I bet we won't have 15 immersion experiences with hundreds of students participating. We recognize that we must challenge the beliefs of corrupt governments and the status quo of the poor."

Tim's Turn



Tim Ertle

Sports Editor

One last go-around with 'The Kid'

Of all the things that passed along the bottom ticker on ESPN last week, one thing in particular caught my eye: Ken Griffey Jr., who will celebrate his 40th birthday on Saturday, is returning to the Seattle Mariners for his 22nd season.

It's tough to believe that 'The Kid' is going to be 40, and that the once unstoppable force was relegated to hitting just .221 last season. Some fans think he's ruining his legacy by sticking around and showing just a shadow of his old self.

Not me.

Griffey was the one guy who made baseball look fun. He always had a swagger about him and everything he did, even if it was just chewing gum, looked cool. I think most young boys tried to duplicate that famous batting stance of his.

On the field, he did it all. He hit balls that went a country mile, ran the bases with blazing speed and tracked down balls in the outfield that nobody else could have made a play on.

And sadly, he can't do those things anymore. But he's 40, so he isn't supposed to be able to physically do what he did when he was 25. I think that's the best part about him.

In 2004, the season in which Barry Bonds turned 40, he hit .362 with 45 home runs and 101 RBI. Maybe he had great genetics, but there's something a little fishy about that.

Griffey's body looks 40. His name has never really come up in the steroid conversation. If it ever surfaces that he did use performance enhancing drugs, that might be the final straw for a lot of baseball fans.

From the days of our childhood that were dominated by Bonds, Griffey, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, Griffey is the only one that we have reason to believe was clean.

So with Junior coming back for another year, probably his one last go-round, it will be bittersweet. We'll get another opportunity to see a player that so many of us idolized as kids.

He will be just a shell of his old self, but that's not what we are going to remember.

When we are old and gray and look back at all the athletes we had the chance to see over our lifetime, he's probably going to be one we will talk about.

We got to see his rise and fall, but what a ride it was in between.

The in between part, that's how I'll remember #24.

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Football season ends in tough loss

Ball doesn't bounce the Blue Streaks way in season finale defeat to Otterbein

Chris Koller
Staff Reporter

The season for the John Carroll University football team ended Saturday when they traveled to Westerville, Ohio and lost to Otterbein College, 24-22.

In a year that saw a half-dozen games come down to the final minute, this game would follow the trend.

JCU scored on its opening drive giving the Blue Streaks an early lead. However, a missed extra point came back to haunt them.

Both teams exchanged leads throughout the game as the fourth quarter began with the game's outcome once again in question.

With three minutes left in its season and an eight point deficit on the scoreboard, JCU needed one more scoring drive to get to overtime.

Senior quarterback Jeff Javorek proceeded to lead the offense 77-yards on 11 plays. Javorek, who completed six passes on the final drive, drew JCU within two points when he connected with fellow senior Scottie Williams on a six-yard touchdown pass.

The missed extra point from the first quarter proved to be costly as an incomplete pass on a two-point conversion essentially ended the game and the season for the Blue Streaks.

"It was heartbreaking," senior running back Teree Harris said. "To go through another game like that to



Photo courtesy of the JCU Sports Information Dept./John Reid

Senior wide receiver Frank Ross (12) and sophomore running back DaQuan Grobsmith (14) celebrate a moment earlier this season. It was a tough season for the Blue Streaks as they finished 3-7 overall.

finish the year was tough."

John Carroll outgained a high-powered Cardinals offense, which had been averaging nearly 400 yards a game, 374-286 in the contest.

Conversely, JCU racked up 112 yards on seven penalties.

"We made mistakes and penalties that killed us," senior Chris Esparza said. "It seemed like every time we had a huge play it was scratched by a penalty."

This game, as well as the other

heartbreaking losses this seasons, certainly had an impact on team morale.

"With the high number of missed opportunities, and upset plays it was hard to remain composed," Harris said. "But you have to focus on the good parts in order to get better."

John Carroll finished the season with a 3-7 overall and 3-6 in Ohio Athletic Conference competition.

The seven losses are the most since the 1986 team finished 2-7;

also the last year the Blue Streaks had a losing record.

"When I look back on this season, I'll try to remember the good parts," Esparza said. "There's no point in dwelling on the negative aspects 'cause I can't change them now anyways."

The Blue Streaks were 1-5 this season in their six games that were decided by eight points or less. JCU lost their last two games by a combined five points.

JCU basketball teams get their seasons started

Charlie Duggan
Staff Reporter

The John Carroll University men's basketball team survived its regular season opener Saturday in Michigan, defeating Olivet College 90-83.

Sophomore point guard Corey Shontz cured any worries of a second year slump, scoring a career-high 28 points, including 6-7 from behind the arc.

"He carried us offensively," said senior guard Brian Dandrea. "We're still working to get back to where we were last year offensively, so when one guy gets a hot hand like that, it's a big boost for us."

What Shontz accomplished on the outside, junior Mo Haynes and sophomore Matt Crozier took care of on the inside.

The two big men combined for 19 points and 16 rebounds. Pre-season first team All-American Rudy Kirbus also recorded 12 points, making 8-11 from the free-throw line, as did sophomore Joey Meyer.

As a team, the Blue Streaks shot 61 percent from three-point land, making 11 of 18, while holding to the Comets to just 4-21 from behind the arc.

"We just continued to play throughout the whole game. Whether our shots go in or not, we know we can win the game in other areas just by playing hard and keep attacking," said senior swingman Tyler Kirsch.

The Blue Streaks, ranked second

nationally, will travel to Pennsylvania this weekend for the Scranton Tournament.

After taking a quick break for some Thanksgiving turkey, they will host a big matchup on Nov. 29 with The College of Wooster, ranked ninth nationally.

Tip-off for that game is scheduled for 3 p.m. in the DeCarlo Varsity Center.

Women

The John Carroll University women's basketball team won a close game to open their season, defeating The College of Wooster, 85-82.

It took a total team effort to pull out the victory on the road. Four Blue Streaks scored in double figures. Wooster was led by 35 points from All-American Kym Wynn.

Junior Lee Jennings, a two-time All-OAC selection, led JCU with 25 points. She also tallied eight rebounds and five assists.

Senior Caitlin Sureck picked up right where she left off and recorded a 19 point, ten rebound double-double.

Senior Kate Mahoney, who sat out last season, scored 18 points in her return to the hardwood. Junior guard Sadie Zander chipped in a career-high 14 points.

The Blue Streaks will be in Pittsburgh, Pa. this weekend to participate in the University Athletic Association/Ohio Athletic Conference showdown, hosted by Carnegie Mellon University.

Total Team Effort

Sophomore guard Corey Shontz led the Blue Streaks in scoring in the season opening victory over Olivet College. Last year, eight different Blue Streaks led the team in scoring:

Rudy Kirbus - 13 games
Mo Haynes - six games
Matt Crozier - four games
Chris Zajac - four games
Brian Dandrea - one game
Tyler Kirsch - one game
Joey Meyer - one game
Corey Shontz - one game

A number of players figure to get in the scoring column with Coach Mike Moran's "platoon system" that sends substitutions in frequent waves.

In the Olivet game, 10 different players logged at least 14 minutes. That can be expected, as last season 10 players averaged at least 10 minutes per game. Senior Rudy Kirbus, a preseason All-American, led last year's squad with just over 23 minutes per game.

"I know some of our players would have received more individual honors if they got more minutes," Moran told The Plain Dealer last year. "But we've never had a player who was here four years and left without a championship ring."

Wrestling team to benefit from new facility

Alex Mileskiewicz
The Carroll News

A brand-new training venue provides the John Carroll University wrestling team a new home as they kick off the 2009-10 season.

The Blue Streaks now have a state of the art facility to improve and hone their skills.

The renovation occurred in the space formerly known as the gym annex. The space is now named the David R. Meuse Wrestling Room, located just above the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center.

Meuse, a graduate from the JCU class of 1967 and the room’s namesake, said in a statement that he contributed to the wrestling program because of the influence it had on his life.

“My education at John Carroll has served me so well, not only in business, but also in my community work. I have a strong belief in value-oriented leadership, focusing on family, community and business.

“I learned those values at John Carroll. I was happy to be part of the original wrestling team at John Carroll and to be coached by Tony DeCarlo,” said Meuse.

The new facility is two stories high. It features a cardiovascular platform stocked with 12 cardiovascular machines, 12 wrestling circles, climbing ropes, a sound system, film room and a temperature controlled heating and cooling system.

It is a benefit to the team that the cardio and mat work will be able to be done in the same room. The entire project cost about \$425,000 dollars.

“A dream come true,” said head coach Kerry Volkmann about the new practice facility.

“There were a great many former wrestlers who have remained close to our program at John Carroll that

realized what the needs were with regard to a proper training facility,” said Volkmann. “I am proud to say that the entire project was funded by alumni, friends and generous donors.”

After finishing last season with an overall record of 10-6 and 3-3 in the Ohio Athletic Conference, the team enters this season with optimism.

It is an extremely young team that could potentially have eight freshmen in the starting lineup.

“I am excited about the kids we have in the room. A big thing for the team will be depth,” said Volkmann. “Staying healthy for the entire season will be important for our success.”

This season, the team will turn to the leadership of senior Ben Adams to set the tone.

Adams is a two-time All-OAC Champion and a two-time Division III national qualifier.

“Ben Adams is one of the best in the country and we are thinking this may be his year,” said Volkmann. “Ben is coming into the season healthy for the first time and got off to a great start at the first tournament taking first place in his weight class.”

The Blue Streaks have only the National Catholic Tournament under their belt this season and Adams won his weight class while the team placed fifth.

The team has adapted to the new training facility well. The team hopes that with the favor the donors did for them, they can return the favor with an OAC Championship.

“Knowing all of the money funding the project came from alumni and donors who care about the program, it really raises the bar for the team and makes us strive and work even harder for a championship,” said Adams.

“Those Who Choose To Stay Will Be Champions”

Sign hanging in the new David R. Meuse Wrestling Room








Photo by Tim Ertle

The new David R. Meuse Wrestling Room has just been opened as a training facility for the Blue Streak wrestling team. JCU alumni donated \$425,000 that covered the entire cost of the new facility.

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STREAKS OF THE WEEK

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 <div><div>Football</div><div>⚡⚡⚡</div><div>DaQuan Grobsmith sophomore</div><div>Grobsmith capped off an outstanding first season in the finale against Otterbein. He carried the ball eight times for 58 yards, good for 7.2 yards per carry, and a touchdown.</div></div>	 <div><div>Basketball</div><div>⚡⚡⚡</div><div>Corey Shontz sophomore</div><div>In the season-opener, the sophomore guard scored a game-high 28 points on nine of 13 shooting from the field. He was a fantastic six of seven from behind the three-point arc.</div></div>	 <div><div>Cross Country</div><div>⚡⚡⚡</div><div>Jeff Sigmund sophomore</div><div>Sigmund was the first Blue Streak to cross the finish line at the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional Championship in Terre Haute, Ind. The team finished 28th in the region.</div></div>	 <div><div>Basketball</div><div>⚡⚡⚡</div><div>Lee Jennings junior</div><div>Jennings got off to a hot start in the opener against Wooster by scoring a team-high 25 points against Wooster. She also chipped in eight rebounds and recorded five assists.</div></div>	 <div><div>Basketball</div><div>⚡⚡⚡</div><div>Caitlin Sureck senior</div><div>The senior forward tallied a double-double in the victory over The College of Wooster. Sureck went for 19 points and grabbed a Blue Streak-best nine rebounds in the game.</div></div>
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Rent the Runway: your ticket to affordable couture

**Commentary by
Jennifer Holton**
Asst. A&E/Life Editor

Top-of-the-line designer dresses are items most of us admire in the pages of Vogue. We tear the pages out and hang them around our rooms, but we never imagine the possibility of wearing one.

It seems as if our Cinderella story has found its fairy godmother through the minds of Harvard Business School graduates, Jennifer Hyman and Jennifer Carter Fleiss, and their new Web site called “Rent the Runway.”

In what has been called the Netflix for designer dresses, the site makes high fashion pieces affordable and as easy as renting a movie from Netflix.

Women are allowed to rent dresses from prominent designers such as Herve Leger, Diane Von Furstenburg, Christian Siriano, Robert Rodriguez Black Label and Lela Rose for about one-tenth of the retail price.

Rentals run between \$50 and \$200 for a four-night loan, and

are shipped directly to the customer with a prepaid envelope for return. Dry cleaning is taken care of by the company, but damage insurance costs \$5, and significant destruction of the piece makes the renter responsible for the entire retail cost of the dress.

“What girl doesn’t want to wear a designer dress?” said sophomore Jacci Wyman. “The site makes it very affordable, and because it’s a four-day rental, maybe women could wear it to more than one event.”

Perfect for fashion recessionistas, this site allows women to wear what they want without worrying the entire night of the event about the large hole they would have just burned in their wallets.

“Most girls spend over \$200 on their prom dresses anyway,” said Wyman. “To have a designer piece around that cost is amazing.”

What’s even more beneficial about “Rent the Runway” is the site will send the dress in two different sizes, at no extra charge. Women who want to be extra-safe can choose another

style dress as a backup for an additional \$25. In addition, all dresses arrive on the doorstep equipped with a “fit kit” which includes double-sided tape, deodorant Wipe Outs, and a Magic Clip bra converter.

According to the site, RTR stylists will always be on call during regular business hours and can be contacted via e-mail, live chat, or even phone to help out with any last minute dilemmas. There’s even a way out for issues that can’t be solved—the site allows the renter to return the dress for free if you return the dress within 24-hours of receiving it.

The only downside of the Web site is that the company has chosen to make it invitation-only. So far, the best any fashion aficionado can do is join RTR’s membership waiting list. Until accepted, the consumer cannot even browse inventory.

So while waiting for RTR membership to be approved, check out another couture rental site such at shopbadc.com (Borrow A Dress Couture). Or, if you’re willing to swap your clothing with something better you see online, try Thredup.com or dignswap.com.



‘The Blind Side’ moves beyond the sports field to please

MOVIE REVIEW
‘The Blind Side’



**Review by
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A&E/Life Editor

People only dream of stories like the one told in “The Blind Side.” They’re usually fictional stories. They’re passed down as myths for generations. Yet, only in the wildest dreams would such a story be true.

The story of Baltimore Raven’s offensive linemen Michael Oher, played by Quinton Aaron, illustrates mankind’s ability to step out of society’s norm to perform an act of kindness. The story about the adolescent life of Oher takes place in the slums of Memphis, Tenn.

From early on Oher was a nomad. He would jump from house to house after he was taken from his mother early on because she wasn’t seen fit to take care of him.

“Big Mike,” as they called him through the duration of the movie, was depicted as a gentle giant, but someone who wasn’t competent enough to make it through high school.

The feel-good part of the story comes when Leigh Anne Tuohy, played by Sandra Bullock,

comes to the rescue and gives Oher a home for a night. It turns into a lifetime. The Tuohys are a wealthy, white-collar family who own a large chain of fast-food restaurants around the country.

The movie chronicles Oher’s journey from when he is first accepted into the all-white, Briarcrest Christian high school and is immediately seen as a misfit.

The remarkable part of the story and movie is Oher’s ability to deal with adversity and overcome the social obstacles thrown in his way because of his size and color.

Although the film is about his path from high school football to the National Football League, it goes far beyond.

A major theme of the movie is seen in its title, “The Blind Side.” A major turning point of the movie came when one of Oher’s gangster friends threatened his pseudo-mom, Leigh Anne Tuohy, and the rest of the family. Mike protected his family’s blind side and deterred the gangsters from harming the Tuohys.

Oher’s relationship with the youngest Tuohy, S.J., played by Jae Head, adds humor to the movie. A five-foot, skinny grammar school kid training and hanging out with a six-foot, six-inch, 300-pound offensive line-men adds comical relief in the most dramatic



Sandra Bullock and Quinton Aaron take the lead in the newest sports film, ‘The Blind Side.’

spots of the movie.

“The Blind Side” began with Oher’s ability to protect those close to him, and it ended with him protecting the blind side of his quarterback.

Sandra Bullock gives an Oscar-worthy performance as the tough, redneck, southern belle that initiates the relationship with Oher.

Her on-screen performance adds another dimension to the movie, making it dynamic and multi-faceted.

Director John Lee Hancock does a reasonable job balancing Oher’s football career and his personal life. Telling enough of both in order for the audience to understand the challenges he faced growing up.

Rookie performers Tim McGraw and Lily Collins add good supporting roles to the movie, complimenting both leads while giving more depth.

“The Blind Side” opens in theaters everywhere tomorrow, Nov. 20.



‘New Moon’ sets a love triangle to die for

Jennifer Holton
Asst. A&E/Life Editor

Brooding blood suckers? That’s so passé. Edward Cullen may find some competition as a new “Twilight” heartthrob makes his debut when “New Moon” comes to theaters Friday, Nov. 20.

Audiences around the world have been preparing for this moment in Stephanie Meyer’s “Twilight” saga since they finished the second novel in its series.

Distraught teen Bella (Kristen Stewart) has developed into quite the daredevil since her pretty-boy vampire Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) decided from the start of the novel he was not good enough for her and ran away.

Ultimately depressed and seeking an adrenaline rush, she ends up sprawled on the side of the road, bleeding after crashing her motorbike. To the rescue comes Jacob (Taylor Lautner), Bella’s childhood friend, who’s beefed up in the past year and is starting to feel the effects of his werewolf urges.

Essentially, a love triangle ensues between Bella and her supernatural men—a fantasy some find irresistible.

“Jacob’s role is definitely going to take a lot of attention away from Edward,” said John Carroll University freshman Maddie Messner. “It’s going to make it more exciting for the people who don’t like Edward.”

According to Kat Johnson, administrator of QuileuteWolfPack.com, the saga’s fan Web site, this love triangle is “not the equilateral kind.” “It’s true that Bella loves Jacob, but that love is not comparable to the love she has for Edward,” Johnson said.

New Moon has brought out the competitive

side of “Twilight” fans—since being published in 2006, “Twilight” aficionados have chosen to be either on “Team Edward” or “Team Jacob.”

“There are a lot of ‘Team Edwards,’ but I think that will be okay because that will allow for some more competition,” said junior Ciara Mastin.

Amanda Belcher, Public Relations representative of the fan site “Twilight MOMs” believes that Jacob won’t have a crucial impact on Bella and Edward’s relationship.

“Jacob is the character who helps bring Bella back to life when she’s literally given up after Edward’s departure,” Belcher said. “But that doesn’t take away from Bella’s relationship with Edward and the pain she continuously feels without him there.”

Both men in the film have their pros and cons. While Edward is a brooding immortal whose skin sparkles in the sun, we can’t forget that he’s an insanely jealous vegan who feeds on animals’ blood and, according to Bella, feels like “icy, hard marble.”

Jacob is an adventurous high-schooler and gifted mechanic who can transform at will into a werewolf and is half-naked most of the time due to his supernatural transformations. However, aside from not being Edward, his drawbacks include involuntarily phasing into a gigantic wolf when angered, and having a mane the size of the lion’s from Narnia.

“I think Jacob will bring in a new, different crowd of people because he’s more human and more realistic than Edward,” said sophomore Emily Day.

Due to major physical changes in the character of Jacob from “Twilight” to “New Moon,” director Chris Weitz considered replacing Lautner in “New Moon” with an

actor who could more accurately portray the larger Jacob.

In an attempt to keep the role, 17-year-old Lautner began working out the day filming finished for “Twilight.”

According to Lautner in the newest issue of Entertainment Weekly, he was eating every two hours and incorporating intense weight training and isometric exercises seven days a week to pack on over 30 lbs. of muscle.

“Taylor’s determination and dedication as an actor was reiterated with his near year-long workout regimen just to win back the role of Jacob from any other candidates,” said Johnson. “Weitz would never have been able to find a better Jacob Black than Lautner.”

This dramatic plot shift may not fare well for “New Moon.”

“Most of the audience is crazy for Edward, but I think people will still appreciate the film because there’s such an expansion of the cast this time around,” said Day.

“I think the audiences who love Edward are going to have to adapt to Jacob being in Bella’s life.”

Ultimately, the love triangle in “New Moon” is about picking a team.

“I remain team Edward because they are undoubtedly meant to be together,” said Belcher. “Edward is Bella’s soul mate—the person who is able to complete her and help her grow.”

Yet, love triangle or no love triangle, the “Twilight” saga still remains a much anticipated series.

“It’s the mysticism and the idea that you can live in a world that is so like ours but still is not because there are these fictional elements,” said Mastin. “That’s what really draws people in.”

Students’ Choice Team Edward vs. Team Jacob

“I’m definitely Team Edward...I’m accident-prone, so having Edward and Carlisle at my disposal would be great.”

- Erin Flaherty,
junior

“I’m Team Jacob because he was there when Bella was at her ultimate low, and she got that way because of Edward.”

- Emily Day,
sophomore

“I’m Team Edward because he was the first one, so he should be the only one.”

- Maddie Messner,
freshman

Entertainment Calendar

Check out what’s happening and in Cleveland this week!

11.21 Ohio Sky Grog Shop 10 p.m. \$8	11.25 Brett Dennen House of Blues 7:30 p.m. \$20-\$25	11.29 Lez Zeppelin Beachland Ballroom 7:30 p.m. \$12
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-Compiled by Craig Willert

Celebrity Tweet of the Week

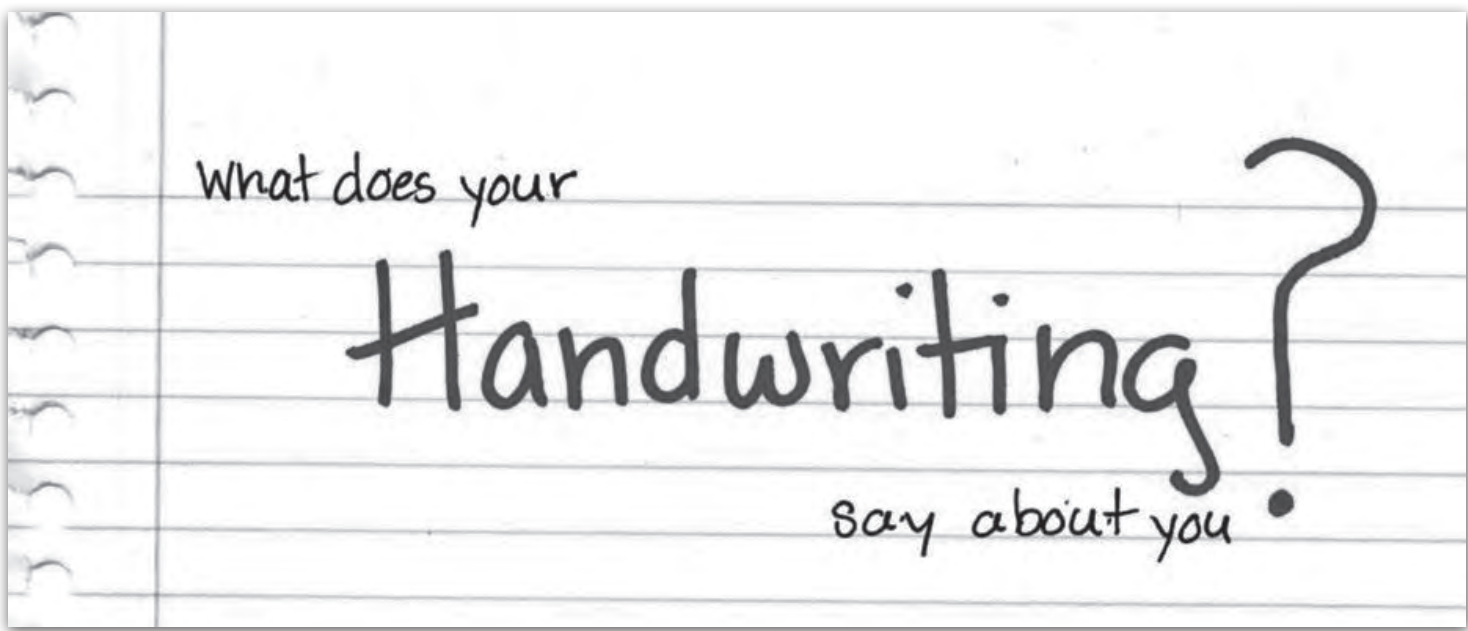


This section is dedicated to those Twitter-happy celebrities who take the time out of their busy day to drop us a line or two of wisdom and humor. If there is a celeb tweet you find worthy, e-mail it to cwillert10@jcu.edu!



Adam Schefter, ESPN analyst, posted this tweet complimenting JCU for producing great alumni:

“So JCU produced Tim Russert, Don Shula, London Fletcher, Josh McDaniels, Nick Caserio - were the professors Socrates and Aristotle?”



Experts say that by simply writing a sentence they can analyze how people feel about their lives, if they set goals for themselves, or even if they are telling the truth. In Phoenix, Ariz., there is a corporation dedicated entirely to handwriting research. The organization provides psychological profiles created based on handwriting samples. The Rocky Mountain Graphology Association in Aurora, Colo. claims they can determine if the writer has indigestion or if they talk to themselves on a regular basis, just by examining their cursive writing. While some may argue that those claims are unlikely, hundreds of Web sites claim to do the same thing. We will let you be the judge. Take the writing analysis below to determine what your handwriting says about you.

In cursive, write the sentence: "She sells seashells by the seashore."

Our handwriting analyzed:



Bob Seeholzer, Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

She sells seashells by the seashore

The full loops in Bob's I's mean that he is creative and relaxed.



Rachel Szuch, Editor in Chief

She sells seashells by the seashore.

Rachel's regularly-sized handwriting means she adapts easily.



Max Flessner, Campus Editor

she sells seashells by the seashore

The right slant of Max's writing says he likes to socialize with others.



Lena Chapin, Campus Spotlight Editor

She sells seashells by the seashore

Lena's pointy s's mean she likes new things and is ambitious.

How to analyze your handwriting:

Slant

To the right

- open and sociable

To the left

- independent and rebellious

Straight

- guarded, reasonable and practical

Size

Small

- introspective and focused

Average

- well-adjusted and adaptable

Large

- outgoing; loud personality

Loops

Closed L

- you are restricting yourself

Full L

- spontaneous and relaxed

Closed E

- skeptical

Open E

- open mind

Your "S"

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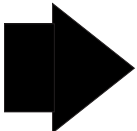
- avoid arguments

Pointy

- ambitious

Compiled by Katie Sheridan with information from Real Simple Magazine

Pick-Up Line of the Week



"Are you prepared to make a citizen's arrest? I'm guilty of possessing two guns and a six-pack."

*Submit your own pick-up lines by e-mailing cwillert10@jcu.edu.



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Touring Asia, Obama has town hall in China

Joe Toohey
Staff Reporter

On Nov. 16, President Barack Obama declared that China and the United States do not have to be adversaries even though there are differences between the two nations. The announcement was made at a town hall meeting with several hundred college students in Shanghai.

The President said the United States did not wish to impose any form of government on another nation. However, he did say there are certain principles that all people must share.

Free access to information is one of those principles that the President believes all people should have. China's government has control over the Internet in China and can restrict access to social networking and other Web sites that they deem controversial.

Brent Brossman, a communications professor at John Carroll University and director of the JCU debate team, said, "Ideas are liberating. They represent power. There are reasons why countries that fear their own people try hard to restrict the free flow of information on the Internet."

According to The New York Times, however, Obama "tip-toed" around the controversial topic when he told students that a free and unfettered Internet is a source of strength, not weakness.

According to Brossman, "We need a free flow of responsible



President Barack Obama speaks at a town hall style event with Chinese youths at the Museum of Science and Technology in Shanghai, China, on Nov. 16. Obama spoke extensively about the importance of the freedom of speech and of the free flow of information.

information – and that balance is tough to achieve."

The President also said he was against censorship. "I have a lot of critics in the United States who can say all kinds of things about me; I actually think that makes our democracy stronger and it makes me a better leader, because it forces me to hear opinions that I don't want to hear," he said.

The President took eight questions. Four of them were from the student audience, the other four were selected from the hundreds

submitted over the Internet

According to CNN, the President's town hall meeting was not broadcast on any of China's state-run television networks, though it was shown locally on Shanghai's Phoenix TV.

In the United States, the event was streamed live (with Chinese language translation) on the White House Web site, as well as on the White House Facebook page. The town hall was a welcome change to the Chinese students who tend to not be used to such an event.

Yao Fei, a modern Chinese history student at Shanghai Normal University told USA Today, "I know the town hall meeting is traditional in U.S. political culture, but it's not here in China. We students welcome events like this. I hope our leaders would do [town hall meetings] too."

However, this town hall was somewhat different than what the President may have been used to back in the U.S.

Instead of a bustling crowd talking over the blaring rock music, the



President was greeted by a nearly silent group of 500 students, most of whom were hand picked by Chinese leaders and had close ties to the Communist Youth League, which is closely affiliated to President Hu Jintao.

Once he completed the town hall meeting in Shanghai, the President flew to Beijing. His schedule included tours of the Forbidden City and Great Wall and several meetings with Chinese leaders to discuss pressing issues like climate change, stabilizing the world economy, and negotiations about the nuclear programs of Iran and North Korea.

China has been hesitant to support stricter sanctions against either North Korea or Iran, a position which has frustrated the United States. China has also been hesitant to set a national emissions reduction goal even though it is one of the largest polluters in the world.

However, it has still taken a number of measures to make its economy more environmentally friendly.

South Korean troops on high alert after naval clash with North Korea

Rita Rochford
Staff Reporter

As part of President Barack Obama's tour of Asian countries, he visited South Korea on Nov. 18 and 19 to meet with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak.

However, prior to his scheduled trip, a North Korean patrol boat crossed into waters controlled by South Korea and, in doing so, instigated a military response from South Korea.

When the South Koreans initial attempt to warn the North Korean patrol boat was unsuccessful, South Korea started firing at the vessel to drive it away.

While this reaction ended with minimal damage to the South Korean vessels, North Korea reported one casualty suffered by the South Koreans with several others wounded although it has not been confirmed by North Korea.

North Koreans claim to have been in their own waters and blame South Korea's efforts to prevent cooperation between North Korea and the United States as the reasoning behind the attack.

In response to this notion, Pamela Mason, a political science professor at John Carroll University, said, "It seems unlikely that South Korea was trying to hinder bilateral talks between North Korea and the U.S. South Korea has a huge stake in a more normal kind of politics in the region."

This dispute between the two Koreas is not the first. In 1999 and 2002, navies of both countries interacted in a violent fashion ending the lives of sailors on both sides.

In these instances, the waters involved have been controlled by South Korea since 1953, as established by the United Nations after the Korean War.

Despite this border decision, which was heavily guided by the United States, North Korea has grappled with recognizing the border as belonging to the South.

Although there has been over six years without a naval conflict, the election of South Korean President Lee Myung Bak in 2008 has caused increased pressure between the two countries.

Mason furthered this sentiment, saying, "This event reflects a more

tense relationship between South Korea and North Korea since the election of Mr. Lee."

North and South Korea's land border also reflects the increased tension between the two nations. According to Mason, "The land border between North and South Korea is also very militarized and tense. The U.S. has troops stationed on the South Korean side and we coordinate with South Korean troops along the border."

On the South Korean side, their troops have been placed on heightened alert since last Tuesday's event, although no provocations have been detected across the border. South Korea has also sent additional naval ships near the disputed waters to deter any further North Korean provocations.

North Korea responded by stating that South Korea would pay a "dear price" for the naval confrontation.

Even with this altercation on the seas, the United States will deploy Stephen Bosworth as an envoy to North Korea by the end of this year, assuming all goes to plan.

This assignment was prompted



South Korean conservative activists shout slogans during a rally denouncing North Korea's military in Seoul, South Korea, on Nov. 11, 2009. South Korea's troops went on high alert after a brief naval confrontation with North Korea.

by an invitation from North Korea to establish talks to work through the complications surrounding their nuclear weapons program.

Rather than use these talks to negotiate between the U.S. and North Korea, the U.S. hopes instead to encourage North Korea to rejoin the six-party talks it abandoned earlier this year, which also included the countries of South Korea, China, Russia and Japan.

While the reasoning behind North Korea's actions is unclear,

it is speculated that the goal of this conflict was to engage in bilateral talks with the United States. If this is the case, then North Korea has achieved such a goal through Bosworth's assignment.

"It sounds like North Korea was testing South Korean control of those waters," said Mason, "while also trying to insert itself more into talks between President Obama and South Korea, President Obama and Japan, and President Obama and China."

WORLDWIDEWEB



Sean Webster
World News Editor

I'm not the Pope

Has the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops gone completely insane?

Only a few weeks ago, it single-handedly almost derailed the entire health care reform movement. Using the House's health care reform legislation as leverage, the bishops said that they would withdraw their support of it unless Congress tightened its restrictions on taxpayer-funded abortions. And their blackmail worked.

Under the original legislation, citizens who received government funds to subsidize their health insurance would not have been able to use those funds to pay for abortions, although nongovernment funds like premiums and co-payments could've been used to do so. This provision would've been sufficient enough to protect the moral accountability of taxpayers who oppose abortion.

But pressure from the bishops forced many conservative Democrats to reject that provision and, instead, to add an amendment that completely blocks the use of federal subsidies to buy any insurance plans that cover abortion. The final bill passed the House by a mere five votes, and as the debate now moves to the Senate, the push for health care reform could be completely jeopardized by the bishops' bullheaded tactics.

But this country desperately needs a system of universal health care. Lower and middle-class families like mine deserve affordable health insurance, and if the Conference of Catholic Bishops ruins the nation's chances of achieving that, then it will be directly responsible for the thousands of deaths resulting from another decade or more without universal health care. If that happens, will the bishops still legitimately be able to claim that they're promoting a "pro-life" agenda?

This instance, however, is just another example of how the Church hierarchy continuously attempts to strong-arm society into accepting its anti-abortion doctrine. It's not that I disagree with its teaching on abortion, but the stubborn way it goes about promoting its agenda makes it seem unsympathetic to the many demographic and economic factors involved in the abortion debate.

For example, women living in poverty are up to four times more likely to have an abortion than women who are not. Half of all U.S. women who have an abortion are younger than 25-years-old. And black and Hispanic women are much more likely to have an abortion than white women.

There are, however, other methods the Church could promote that could reduce abortions. Here's one: embrace contraception. The Christian Science Monitor recently reported that a decline in the number and rate of abortions performed worldwide correlated with a growth in global contraceptive use. But the Vatican teaches that while it's morally acceptable to intentionally avoid pregnancy naturally through the "rhythm method," it's immoral to use "artificial" birth control — aka contraception. Does anyone else see the inherent flaw in this argument? If the Church were to reconsider its stance on contraception, it could potentially result in a significant reduction in the number of abortions in the United States.

I, however, am not the Pope. I'm just an ordinary member of the Catholic Church who has no say in what my Church decides to do.

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World Briefing

1. Militant violence in Pakistan increases



Hundreds of Pakistani students who support the Pakistani religious party Jamati-Islami gathered at an anti-U.S. rally in Lahore, Pakistan, on Nov. 17 to demand the withdrawal of U. S. forces from neighboring Afghanistan and Iraq. They also condemned the growing influence of the United States in Pakistan. Meanwhile, suspected militants have killed more than 300 civilians and security personnel in the last month in an attempt to weaken the country's resolve to continue the military operation in the tribal area of South Waziristan, where al-Qaida and Taliban leaders are believed to be hiding.

2. Honduran congress will decide Zelaya's fate

After Honduras holds presidential elections on Nov. 29, its congress will meet three days after the election to decide whether ousted President Manuel Zelaya should be returned the presidency to carry out his constitutional term, which ends in January. Zelaya, who was ousted in a coup in June, has been held for almost two months in Brazil's embassy in Tegucigalpa. Zelaya, shown here playing a guitar during a religious service in the Brazilian embassy, insisted on Nov. 14 that he will not accept any deal to restore him to office if it means he must recognize elections later this month.



3. Climate change deal will be delayed



President Barack Obama and other leaders decided on Nov. 14 to put off reaching a climate change agreement at the global climate conference scheduled for next month in Copenhagen. Speaking in Singapore at a sum-

mit meeting for the Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation, global leaders announced that they would instead use the conference to reach a less specific politically binding agreement that would put off deciding the most difficult issues. One of the main reasons for the delay was Congress' inability to pass climate change legislation before the conference, which has made other countries unwilling to do so as well.

4. Arab-Israeli peace talks faltering



Israel announced on Nov. 17 that it planned to expand a Jewish district of Jerusalem in territory that Palestinians claim as part of their future state. The announcement came after Palestinians, disappointed with the pace of peace talks over the past several weeks, declared their intention to unilaterally seek recognition from the United Nations without United States or Israeli intervention. Both the Israeli announcement and the Palestinian declaration frustrated the United States, which is trying to revive the faltering Arab-Israeli peace talks. Pictured is a Palestinian boy standing near the remains of a demolished house in an east Jerusalem neighborhood that the Israeli government said was built illegally.

5. Russian president calls for modernization

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev announced on Nov. 12 that Russia needed to modernize its economy in order to remain a world power. In his annual state-of-the-nation address, he said that the country needed to shed its dependence on exports of raw materials like oil and gas, cast off its socialist Soviet-style attitudes, and focus on building a new high-tech, innovative manufacturing economy. However, the president offered few concrete proposals that could advance his agenda.



6. Turkey promises to help its Kurdish minority

The Turkish government, led by Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, announced

on Nov. 13 that it would allow the Kurdish language to be used in all broadcast media and political campaigns, restore Kurdish names to cities and towns that have been given Turkish ones,

and establish a committee to fight discrimination against the country's Kurdish minority that lives mostly in the eastern part of the country and makes up about 15 percent of the country's population. Although the plan must still be debated by the Turkish parliament, if enacted, it would help end a decades-long conflict between the government and a Kurdish separatist movement that has resulted in over 40,000 deaths.



7. Hunger summit fails to reach concrete goals



Global leaders were unable to set concrete targets for combating hunger at a three-day long United Nations summit on food security, which concluded on Nov. 16. Although 60 leaders attended the meeting held in Rome, including Pope Benedict XVI, there were no leaders from the wealthiest nations. However, rich countries still managed to remove a goal to end world hunger by 2025 and refused to commit to increasing agricultural aid to nearly 20 percent of all international development aid, while leaders of less developed countries criticized the agricultural policies of more developed nations, which they called unfair. Instead, the U.N. simply reiterated its goal of reducing hunger by 50 percent by 2015 and eradicating hunger at the earliest possible date, while the Food and Agriculture Organization of the U.N. declared that to meet demand by 2050, agriculture output needs to grow by 70 percent.

AP images and information
compiled by Sean Webster.

Casualties

The Department of Defense confirmed the death of three U.S. soldiers in Iraq and four U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan during the week of Nov. 8.

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Heather Colonna

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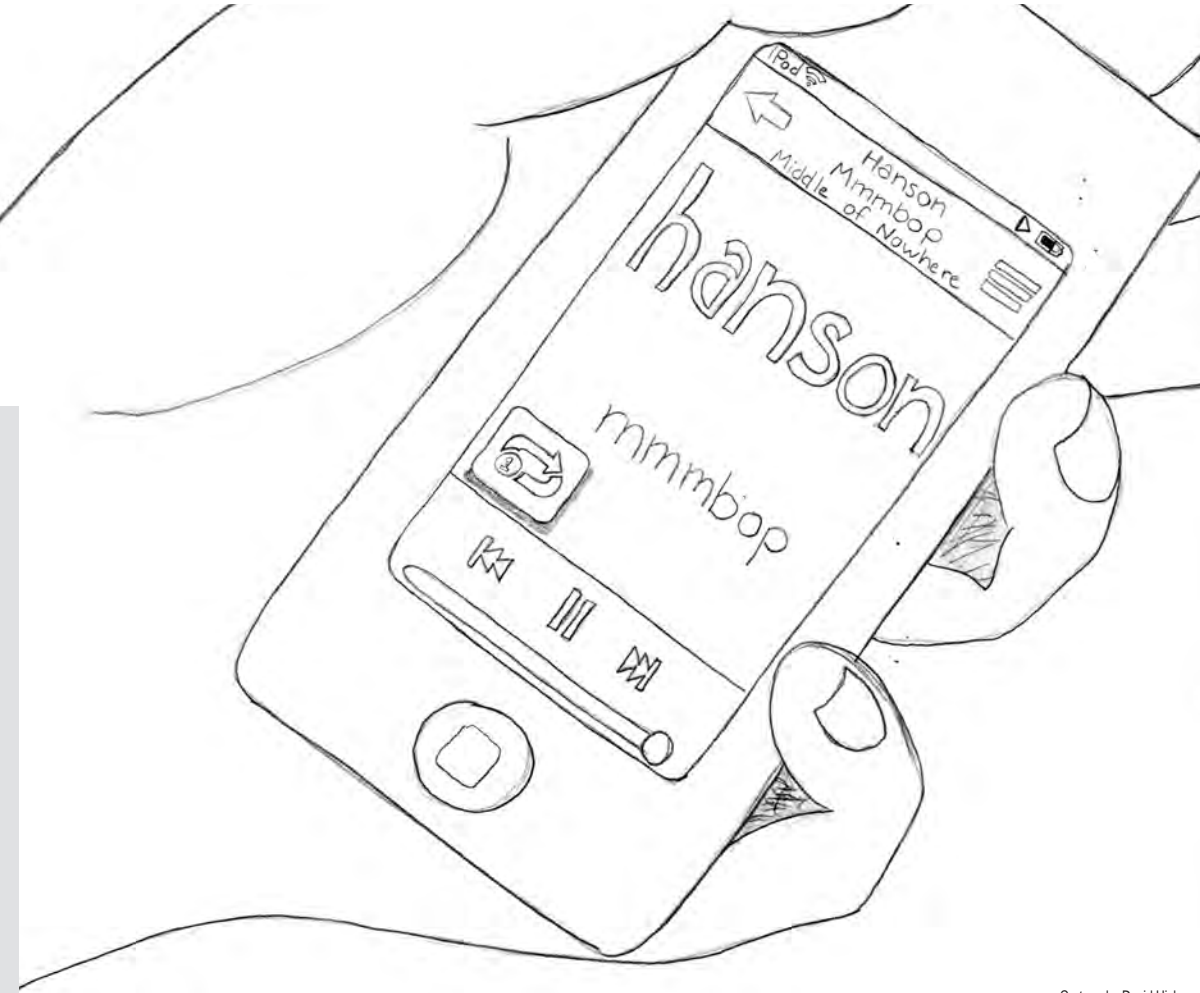
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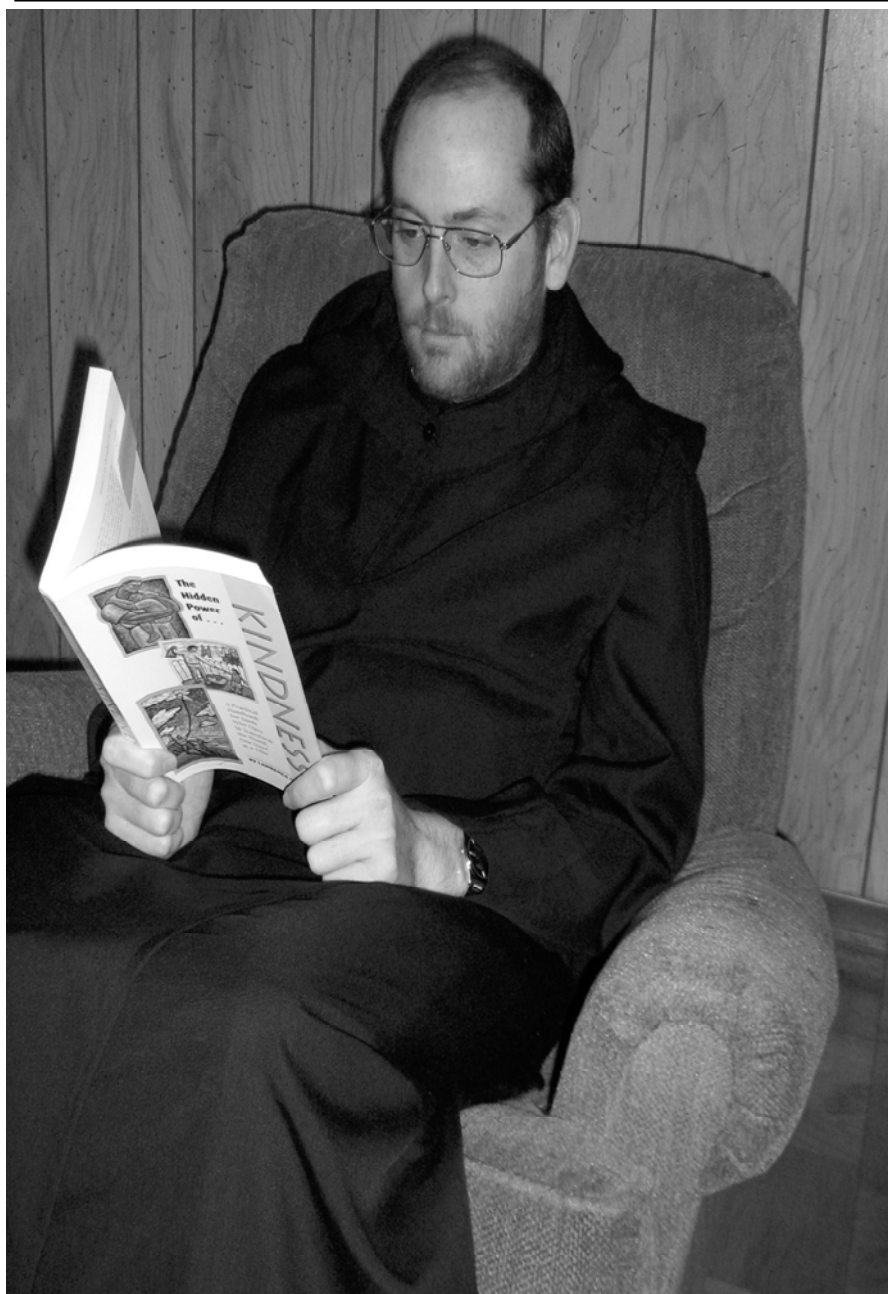
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Editorial

JCU absent from Shaker council meeting

Last Monday night, at a Shaker Heights City Council meeting, the Council voted to extend an interim ordinance regarding student housing for another 90 days. The ordinance affects the apartment buildings that John Carroll University recently purchased on Fairmount Circle.

Shaker Heights’ aim is to place a cap on the number of units being used by students at 87 percent of units in the Fairmount Garden complex and 50 percent in the Fairpark and North Park apartment complexes.

The Carroll News has already voiced their objection to this ordinance in a previous editorial in the Sept. 10 issue.

The interim ordinance, according to Mayor Earl Leiken, is to allow more time for discussion between the City and the University to reach an agreement that is equitable to both parties—no agreement has been reached yet.

Among the concerns being voiced by the residents who attended the meeting were increased traffic congestion and noise levels that would be created by more students moving into the University-owned properties in Shaker Heights.

While The Carroll News thinks it is a healthy debate for these residents to attend the city council meeting and voice their concerns, we are incredibly disappointed and discouraged that no one from either the JCU administration or Student Union were there to provide a defense of the students at the University or the University’s goals and/or policies.

The administration, through the office of JCU’s general council, sent a letter to the mayor of Shaker Heights, which both fiercely defended the University and took great care to emphasize that the University is open to an equitable agreement with the City. We urge Shaker Heights to be more willing to work with the University than University Heights has been to further the goals of both the City and University. It is in the best interest of both parties that an agreement is made.

However, the fact that no student representative was at the meeting is, in our opinion, unacceptable.

At a time when we were voting for the Student Union executive board—a group of students who receive yearly compensation from every student’s Student Activity Fee—it is discouraging that not one candidate or current member could make the meeting.

Even if we were not paying members of the executive board, it is inherent within the job responsibility of being on the Student Union to be an advocate for the student body at large, and The Carroll News feels that this job responsibility was, in this case, largely ignored.

The Carroll News believes that the University has an opportunity to work with Shaker Heights, and in doing so can improve our relationship with University Heights, and that cannot be overlooked.

The expansion of the University is key to the future of the University—more student housing will expand the ability to adapt to increased enrollment, and that is something the University is attempting to do in order to keep their operating budget at an acceptable level.

Also, the University, largely through it’s students, provides a great service to Northeast Ohio. According to the letter sent by JCU general council, the University injects \$115 million into the Northeast Ohio economy, some of which goes to Shaker Heights. A greater portion would go to Shaker Heights if we begin to further expand into the city.

This is a situation that can clearly benefit both parties.

The Carroll News urges the administration to have more of a presence at these meetings (although we do find the letter encouraging), and even more intensely urges Student Union to take their job of advocating for the student body more seriously. This is part of an important, and much needed, effort to expand the University and we cannot let this opportunity slip by.



Cartoon by Joe Hinkel

NOTABLE QUOTABLE



“I’m very glad this writing exercise is over. I love to write, but not about myself. I’m thankful now to have kept journals about Alaska and my friends and family ever since I was a little girl. That practice allowed an orderly compilation over the past weeks and let me summarily wrap up at least some of my life so far.”

-Excerpt from the acknowledgements of Sarah Palin’s book “Going Rogue: An American Life”

HIT & miss

Hit: Thanksgiving Break next week **Hit:** Thanksgiving dinner in the cafeteria tonight **miss:** Not having a meal plan **Hit:** Black Friday next week **Hit:** JCU hosts NCAA Division III National Volleyball Championships this weekend **miss:** JCU isn’t in it **Hit:** Mr. University tonight in Kulas Auditorium **miss(ing):** Mrs. University **Hit/miss:** MMMBop being played in the cafeteria and atrium for charity **Hit:** Rhapsody Blue and Sweet Carrollines concert in Dolan atrium tonight **Hit:** Kyle Cease in The Underground this Friday **miss:** He was here two years ago and probably has the same jokes **Hit:** They’ll probably still be funny **Hit:** Popsicles

e-mail your hits & misses to jcunews@jcu.edu

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OURVIEW

Spicing up my life one birthday at a time



Lena Chapin
Campus Spotlight Editor

Back in September I signed up to write the staff commentary this week because today, Thursday, Nov. 19 is my birthday and I thought everyone should know. However, I also have something else to bring to your attention. Thus, in an effort to multitask I have come up with the following commentary. Please enjoy.

It's my birthday! Yes, exactly 22 years ago to the day I came into this world. Aren't you glad?

Well even if you answered no to that question, I'm pretty stoked to be here and because I am here I feel it necessary to let you in on a little secret that has changed my life forever: Tony Charachere's Original Creole Seasoning.

The carton says it's good on everything and by golly, it is. I kid

you not, this orange-tinted spice in a container the shape of Kraft Parmesan cheese has revolutionized the cuisine at my house.

According to Wikipedia, "Louisiana Creole cuisine is recognized as a unique style of cooking originating in New Orleans, which makes use of the same Holy trinity (in this case chopped celery, bell peppers and onions) as Cajun cuisine, but has a great variety of European, French, Caribbean, African and American influences."

I don't recall who brought this heavenly treasure into our home, but I guarantee that it has been shaken almost daily since then.

It has graced dishes from ramen to baked chicken breast. I have seen it sprinkled over pasta and black bean salad alike and it has never ceased to delight my taste buds.

Just to clear it up, I haven't been hired to endorse this product and I don't want to be. That would cheapen my love and devotion for it.

Not only is this little spice an awesome addition to any cabinet, it is also a great investment to build and maintain relationships in all sorts of situations. It brings Steelers and Bengals fans together and

maintains peace even after... well you know. WHO DEY?!

A roommate and I once tried to make dinner for ourselves. After much debate on what to serve we ended up with a casserole made of meat, pasta, baked beans and corn. Gross I know, but there was a simple solution, the Original Creole Seasoning!

We have since hosted dinner parties serving the most awesome casserole dish known to man.

This ultimate flavor enhancer may be awesome on a lot of levels, but it does stop short on one. There are no healing powers attributed to Tony Charachere's wonder spice. No matter how much you sprinkle into your fish tank it will not keep the little buggers from floating belly up.

On the plus side though, it is MSG free.

Even on this, my 22nd birthday, I shall be experiencing the wonder of Creole seasoning. If you want to sample the goodness just stop by my table in the cafeteria because this Thanksgiving feast is going southern. Oh and feel free to bring a cupcake or a brownie along as birthday collateral.

That's what See said:



Bob Seeholzer
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

When I have to make a decision I always ask myself one question before anything else: is this going to give me bad karma?

If there is something to fear besides fear itself, it would be bad karma. It's like revenge sought out by God. For you atheists out there, it's like getting vengeance on yourself.

I apply a general rule of maintaining good karma to all areas of my life. Sometimes it works out, but usually not.

While doing laundry in the dorms I try to restrain myself from taking out other peoples' laundry when their load is done. I like to think that if I don't mess with other people, they won't mess with me. The principle of karma.

However, I tend to not remember what time my laundry will be done. By the time I get back to the laundry room, expecting to find all of my clothes sitting in a washer (where I'm having them air-dry of course), I see my socks, shirts and unmentionables laying out on top of a washer or table. Apparently, people get impatient after five hours.

When I'm not playing with how much Tide to put into the high efficiency machines, I'm probably in the cafeteria.

If I'm waiting in line at the "American Grill," but all I want are some fries, I'll still hold my position in line most of the time. That's right—I'll have four people waiting for a piece of chicken, which the cook keeps saying will be done in 10 minutes, when all I want is the fries prize.

Some might say that this is the worst decision I could make, which is probably right. But when it comes to karma, it's not about efficiency, it's about courtesy. I figure that if I'm waiting my fair turn for something, then I'll never get cut in line or anything like that.

Wrong.

That kind of thought process never ends up working out. You

What goes around comes around

just get taken advantage of because you're gullible, like a little kid who thinks Bigfoot is as real as Santa and the Tooth Fairy.

There are lots of times when it's useless to try and be the nice guy, but I think there are still some legitimate times to try and build up good karma with these actions.

For example, I'm always trying to make sure I don't offend people who speak other languages. I mean what happens if I end up in Germany without a translator? How am I supposed to rent a Benz to speed down the Autobahn if I can't spreche deutsche? So, with that in mind, I don't make any Hitler jokes (but between you and me, that mustache looks ridiculous).

If I end up in Spain or Latin America though, I should be alright because my column is actually syndicated in all Spanish-speaking nations. It goes by the title "That's what Si said" and is just over seiscientos words in length. They love their weekly dose of Roberto's palabras.

If my espanol is off, don't blame me, I checked it all on Wikipedia. I've contributed to several profiles on there and did it accurately. I just assume everyone else who posts on there is as accurate as me.

Another area where my karma-inspired actions actually did pay off for me was the placement of my column. I've had my column placed pretty much everywhere on the Op/Ed pages, and my favorite position was the one currently held by Max Flessner about an eighth of an inch south of here.

Max is graduating this December (finally), plus I'll no longer be the editor of this section, so after putting in a solid 12 issues at my current location on this page, I get to return home.

Like Justin Timberlake's falsetto once said, "what goes around, goes around, goes around, comes all the way back around, yeah."

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Wonderword

What does malapropism mean?



"Something really inappropriate."
Vicente Davila,
senior



"I believe it was an old wooden ship."
Brendan Hancock,
freshman



"Something that probes males."
Liana Sved,
senior

Malapropism means the usually unintentionally humorous misuse of a word.

MAXimum Exposure: MMMBop yourself, Kappa Kappa Gamma



Max Flessner
Campus Editor

Alright Kappa Kappa Gamma, that's enough.

If I hear the song "MMMBop" one more time I'm going to throw a plate full of sub-par food through a cafeteria window, and guess what? I'm sending you the bill.

Here's why: what you're doing should be illegal—it sounds like extortion to me. In the real world,

if you tell someone you're going to continue to do something until someone pays you enough money to stop, you go to jail for quite some time.

Those of you who don't know, in an effort to raise money to combat child literacy (which is laudable), KKG is playing Hanson's "MMMBop" on repeat in both the Atrium and Cafeteria. They will stop this violation of our Eighth Amendment protection from cruel and unusual punishment once they have raised enough money to satisfy their donation goal.

I'm all for helping kids learn how to read, I'm just for doing it legally. So let me propose this: rather than extorting the Blue Streak

community, let's raise some money together and have a little fun in the process.

We will turn the tables, rather than us be subjected to the cruelty of Hanson, you will. If you're really committed to raising money, this should be a no-brainer.

Here's my plan: you all go around and get pledges (i.e. a nickel for every minute you take part in my plan). I'll secure a room and some unimaginably large speakers. Then, the Saturday before finals, I'll put you all in there and put "MMMBop" on repeat.

The clock will then begin on your pledges, and every minute you stay in the room will determine how much money you collect.

Also, don't be ridiculous—I will absolutely NOT be in the room with you—I'm a supervisor.

We can raise more money by selling tickets to what promises to be a great show; I'll install sound-proof glass and people can watch.

Now I know what you're thinking: "that's a terrible idea." You're right, for you it is. But let me outline the ways it trumps your current plan.

We begin with legality: my idea is legal, yours is questionable. While a picture of every Kappa on campus being taken out of your next chapter meeting in handcuffs will play great on our front page, I think that's worth avoiding.

Secondly, in my scenario, there

are no restrictions on what you can have in your room, including food. In your plan, what are we supposed to do if it's fish day? Then, not only is the food bad, but we have to listen to Hanson. If not for the always smiling and lovely faces of Betty and Sharon, I would literally go insane.

Locking you in a room with Hanson playing on repeat is no ones ideal scenario, but you can admit there are obvious up-sides to my plan.

If my mere suggestion isn't enough, I'm willing to bet the fact that I just told everyone that what you're doing might be illegal will be.

So please, for the love of God, turn off the music.

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The Op/Ed Top Ten:

People with bad karma

1. Job from The Bible
2. The PC guy in the Apple commercials
3. Mr. Bill from "SNL"
4. Howard Dean
5. Michael Scott from "The Office"
6. Kenny McCormick from "South Park"
7. Ted Buckland from "Scrubs"
8. Josh Cribbs or anyone else on the Cleveland Browns
9. Sean Webster, World News Editor
10. Kanye West

Compiled by Bob Seeholzer and Jeff Sigmund

Almost Free

by Kath Duncan



"I don't know why they bother having these fire drills. The alarm goes off every other day already!"

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YOURVIEW

Letter to the Editor

Fall conspiracy?

Andy Johnson
Class of 2010
John Carroll University

I thought the John Carroll administration said they don't sweep things under the rug. From what I've seen recently, they most definitely do. Literally.

Fall has always been my favorite season. Besides the much needed break from the scorching heat and uncomfortable humidity in non-air-conditioned dorms, there's just something unexplainable about the earthy colors and overall atmosphere that surrounds this beautiful season. Personally, I miss the "good ol' days" when we'd rake up the leaves and jump in them off the swing in the backyard. Taking long walks and hearing the soft crunch of fresh-fallen leaves under my feet calms the soul.

I was told by a friend back home that Fall started long ago but I laughed in his face. I told him if Fall was really upon us I'd be out frolicking in a bounty of leaves. When I looked it up on Wikipedia I found out that, in fact, Fall did begin on Sept. 22. Shocked, I explored this further and realized that besides a few days here and there, the weather was in truth getting colder. Not wanting to, I looked up and was startled to see most of the leaves missing from the trees from where they used to sway. As the leaves continued to disappear off the trees I couldn't, for the life of me, figure out where they went.

After further investigation, I place the blame on the John Carroll

administration who, I'm convinced, has conspired to cover up Fall. Literally, I have seen more leaves protruding from under the rugs in the atrium than on this entire campus. Campus groundskeepers work countless hours, trying to clean up the after effects of a beautiful, natural occurrence. They take this so seriously, I saw an employee chasing a leaf on his gator as if this one leaf escaping would expose the entire plan. I probably wasn't even supposed to see that happen.

Now why the administration would choose to cover up Fall, I'm not sure. Perhaps they don't want us to go home for Thanksgiving. But if we can't go home, neither can they, so I doubt that's the case. Maybe they figure by covering up Fall, winter won't come. Are they practicing the art of covering winter's snow? And yes, winter is coming. You might not hear it from administrators, but after studying the patterns of Cleveland's history, soon after the leaves fall, snow falls. And we all know by the lack of snow days at John Carroll that the administration has long been trying to cover up the reality of the winter months. After the amazing efforts to hide Fall this year, I am very anxious to see how well the administration covers up the snowy time of the year which, whether the administration will tell us or not, will soon be upon us.

And, while I'm at it, why does the administration insist on covering up a Tuesday with a Friday? Perhaps a topic for another week.

With tongue in cheek,
AJ



Get out and shop – Black Friday during a recession



Zoran Miling
The Carroll News

In the midst of the Great Recession retailers are already rolling out deals for Black Friday, the blockbuster shopping day after Thanksgiving. Every year thousands of shoppers line up outside of the nation's largest retailers in the wee hours of the morning hoping to snag an LCD TV for \$399 or navigation system for \$99. The name "Black Friday" itself is actually a reference to profit because retailers generally become profitable during this part of the year, or are "in the black."

With the national unemployment rate at 10.2 percent, retailers are trying to buoy sales as consumers cut back on discretionary spending. Most retailers have been responsive to the new found frugality of consumers and Walmart's CEO recently announced the firm would be cutting

prices weekly on top-selling items and holding those price cuts through the holidays.

The deals being touted this year have started far earlier than in previous years with many retailers offering Black Friday-esque deals weeks in advance. Walmart has practically been giving products away – last week, shoppers who bought either a Blackberry or Xbox 360, were given a \$100 Walmart gift card. The company also dropped prices on other electronic devices.

In regards to pricing, Walmart has indeed been on the offensive. Most notably, the company has started a highly publicized all-out price war with Target and online-retailer Amazon.com. When Walmart offered numerous pre-release DVDs like "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince" at \$10, Amazon.com quickly dropped their prices on the same DVDs to \$9.99. Walmart responded instantly by dropping prices to \$9.98. Just last month the three companies engaged in a similar price war on popular books, including Sarah Palin's new book "Going Rouge."

Many have even taken their advertising blitz to social media Web

sites like Twitter and Facebook. Staples, an office supply retailer, used Twitter to announce price cuts upwards of 50 percent on products ranging from laptops to computer monitors.

Despite the attempts to boost sales during the recession, however, analysts are mixed as to how holiday sales will pan out. According to Bloomberg Analysts' holiday sales estimates vary from a one percent decline to a nearly three percent gain over last year. The retail sector has posted negative year-over-year sales every month for more than a year, according to Thomson Reuters.

Those looking to search for the best deals have numerous resources available to them on the Internet. Shoppers can head to bfads.net, dealnews.com, blackfriday.fm, black-friday.net, blackfriday.info or dealtaker.com for a roundup of some of the best deals available online and in stores.

The abundance of deals is sure to spur demand for numerous products. So, if you're looking for a new laptop, TV, shoes or anything else, be sure to act quickly as these outstanding deals aren't here to stay.

-Miling is a senior finance major.

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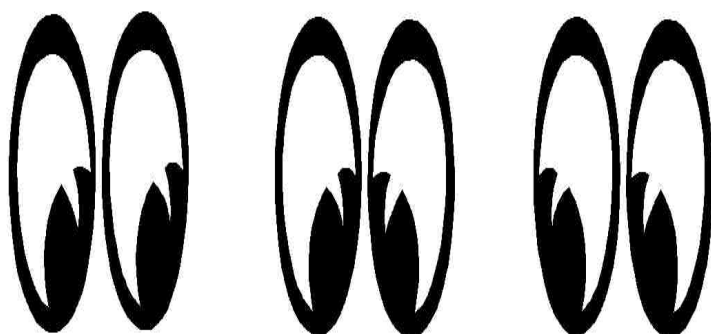
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